

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5       **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRESENTATION AND SPECIFICATION OF**  
          **DISTRIBUTED MULTI-CUSTOMER CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT**  
          **WITHIN A NETWORK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

10       A method, system, apparatus, and computer program  
product is presented for management of a distributed data  
processing system on behalf of a plurality of management  
customers. The distributed data processing system is  
logically represented as a set of scopes, wherein a scope  
is a logical organization of network-related objects.  
15       Endpoint objects, system objects, and network objects are  
logically organized into a set of scopes that do not  
logically overlap. Each scope is uniquely assigned to a  
management customer. The distributed data processing  
system is managed as a set of logical networks in which a  
20       logical network contains a set of scopes and in which  
each logical network is uniquely assigned to a management  
customer. An administrative user may dynamically  
reconfigure the logical networks within the distributed  
data processing system while managing the logical  
25       networks for a set of customers.